

ling, blue chiffon blouse, black skirt; Mrs. R. W. Warnock, black silk gown; Mrs. Langford, pretty cream silk; Mrs. Martin, black silk voile, relieved with cream; Mrs. Walter Macklow, dainty cream serge; Mrs. A. Conlts, lavender voile, relieved with black; Mrs. H. Cooke, cream silk blouse, blue-black skirt; Mrs. C. B. Hutchinson (Dunedin); Mrs. Gratton, pretty cream silk, trimmed with lovely lace; Mrs. G. H. Lawry, dainty white satin blouse, black skirt; Miss Alison (Takapuna), stylish electric blue voile, trimmed with cream lace; Miss Ivy Alison was dainty in cream voile, blue sash; Miss Thorne, sea-green blouse, black skirt; Miss J. Thorne, soft pink silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Moore, pretty pale blue voile; Miss Renee Moore, dainty pale pink blouse, black skirt; Miss Merritt, black silk voile, trimmed with cream lace; Miss Oswald, pretty pale blue blouse, black skirt; Miss May Oswald, dainty white muslin; Miss Giddes, cream silk, trimmed with black ribbon; Miss Wingfield, effective sea-green blouse, black skirt; Miss Crawford, black voile, relieved with cream; her sister wore pretty cream silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Horsley (Dunedin), blue silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Gillett, black and white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss A. Gillett, lavender satin blouse, pretty cream lace collar, black skirt; Miss Warnock, tomato-red blouse, strapped with black velvet; Miss Burt (Dunedin), Miss Kruifeld, electric blue gown; Miss Macklow, in cream silk; Miss Edmiston, grey voile, trimmed with lace; Miss Nellie Edmiston, soft white silk; Miss Alison (Devonport), grey, relieved with purple velvet; Miss B. Alison, tweed costume; Miss Henderson, pale blue blouse, black skirt; Miss Willis (Napier), dainty white muslin; Miss L. Warnock, grey silk voile gown; Miss Allen, black silk, relieved with lace; Miss Cameron, pretty pale blue voile, trimmed with cream insertion; Miss Edwards, sea-green blouse, black skirt; Miss M. George, pretty white muslin; Miss A. Warnock, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Nelson, soft pale pink; Miss N. Stephenson, pink blouse, black velvet skirt; Miss Beale, pale blue voile, relieved with cream silk; Miss Thompson, pretty cream blouse, black skirt; Miss Ross, lovely red silk blouse, stylish skirt; Miss Lewis, cream silk, trimmed with accordion-pleated chiffon; Miss Browne, New Plymouth, graceful white muslin; Miss Peacocke, lovely black chiffon gown; her sister wore pale blue silk.

A MILITARY BALL

was held here on August 12th, under the auspices of the Hauraki Rifle Volunteers and Band (writes a Thames correspondent), and proved an unqualified success from every point of view. There was a large and representative attendance, and it required some skilful manoeuvring to avoid a collision, as, owing to the crowd on the floor, space was somewhat limited. The music, by Booth's band, as usual, was tuneful and inspiring, and tended much to the enjoyment of the dancers and spectators. The interior of the hall was tastefully adorned with flags and bannets, an elaborate scheme of decoration being carried out with admirable effect. Chinese lanterns were suspended overhead, while arms and accoutrements, and band instruments, were appropriately affixed round the walls. Supper was served with the utmost liberality. The committee, together with the secretaries (Sergeant Thompson and Bandsman Saunders) are to be highly complimented on the success achieved. The ladies' handsome dresses and the smart uniforms of the men, interspersed with the more sombre civilian dress, presented an animated scene. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs. Booth in a smartly tucked coral pink silk blouse and pretty skirt; Miss Bush, blue floral blouse and frilled black skirt; Mrs. Road, black gown, lightened with cream motifs; Miss Dubson, beautiful white satin, richly trimmed with lace and chiffon and true lovers' knots; Misses J. and N. Gibson looked nice in dainty cream dresses tucked and flounced, yokes of satin ribbon interlaced and studded with spangles; Mrs. F. Gibbons, smart black merveilleux gown outlined with jet paillettes; Mrs. Thomas cardinal silk blouse, pretty black silk voile skirt; Miss I. Thomas, cream silk and blue; Mrs. Kensington, black broad gown, with revers of guipure lace; Miss Thom, cream, combined with blue silk and lace; Mrs. Hague-Smith, tasteful black silk gown, with net bodice smartened with red bebe ribbon; Miss Nolan, handsome black merveilleux, with spangled bodice and sleeves; Mrs. Grubb, an effective black velvet gown, with angel sleeves and yoke of black spangled tulle, dark red roses on corsage and in coiffure; Miss E. Constant, a becoming cream

mousseline de soie, with smart touch of cardinal; Miss Lucas, white Indian muslin, with lace frills and insertion, blue sash; Miss Gannon (Auckland), pink, with berthe of cream accordion-pleated chiffon and touch of cardinal; Miss F. Read, dainty white silk, befrilled and inset with lace; Miss L. Price, pretty white silk, with lace and tucks, cluster of red geraniums; Miss Mellett, soft cream silk, with flowing sleeves and edged with narrow ruckings; Miss Winder, white inserted muslin, with becoming touches of blue; Miss Guthrie, very pretty blue satin, with chiffon sleeves, berthe of silk lace vandyked with blue ribbon; Miss Phillips looked graceful in a rich cream satin, with berthe of silk lace, relief of red in coiffure; Miss Adams, white silk, with fugot stitching; Miss Jackson, becoming black frock, with flowing sleeves of spangled net and yoke to correspond; Miss Pearce looked well in a dainty cream voile trimmed with lace motifs and deep yoke of sequined net, outlined with lace inserted berthe; Miss Price, rich white satin, with violet clusters; Miss Leila Price, pretty black spotted net over green, trimmed with frills edged with black bebe ribbon; Miss Lily Price, white silk daintily trimmed with folds and lace medallions; Miss Connors, white silk; Miss M. Smith, simple white muslin and net, blue sash; Miss O. Thorburn, pretty cream frock inserted with silk yak, cardinal sash; Miss H. Clarke, dainty white book muslin, frilled and edged with lace; Miss J. McGregor, handsome maize silk, elaborately tucked and ganged, cluster of old gold Paris roses on corsage; Miss P. McQuade, very becoming frock of cream voile, epaulettes of satin and net, and clusters of pink roses on each shoulder; Mrs. McKay, very smart black merveilleux gown, with deep accordion-pleated founce, shoulder yoke of rich silk yak lace, surmounted with berthe to correspond; Miss Baker, pink silk, with cardinal touch; Miss C. Wilson, cream silk voile, with dip yoke of yak lace, outlined with row of pink bebe ribbon; Miss G. Walker, cream broadened silk, with net frills and pleated chiffon bodice, smart opera coat of pink and green quilted silk.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, August 12.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. A. F. Kennedy gave

AN AT HOME.

The weather was very boisterous and wet, and prevented a good many of those invited from attending. The drawing-room looked very comfortable with the blinds down, and a number of small lamps alight. The afternoon tea was delicious. Mrs. Kennedy received her visitors in a black satin skirt and pink silk blouse; Mrs. W. B. Common wore a navy blue cloth costume, and hat to match; Mrs. Smith wore black silk; Mrs. Geoffrey McLean, navy blue piped with red, and a red hat; Mrs. Jex-Blake wore a floaked grey costume and white hat; Mrs. Mann, navy blue coat and skirt piped with white, black hat; Mrs. Hewson, grey costume; Mrs. Williams, black costume, hat en suite; Mrs. Buckridge, red cloth, white felt hat with bunches of violets; Miss A. Bees, grey coat and skirt, red French sailor. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

I really must tell you something about

OUR NEW THEATRE

(His Majesty's), now that it is finished. The auditorium will seat over 1000 people, and the stage area is very little smaller than that of the largest theatres in the colony, so in future we hope to be able to see the productions of the very best companies that visit New Zealand. The decorations are very handsome, the chief colouring being pale green, cream and gold, and the drop-curtain is of rich green plush. In the dress circle the chairs are upholstered in crimson with cream enamelled backs, and there is seating accommodation for 200 people. Downstairs the seats are arranged in tiers on platforms, which can be removed for dances. There is an excellent dancing floor, and several ball-are to be held shortly. On the 17th Mr. B. Spurr will open His Majesty's, and a great many seats have already been booked for the entertainment.

The weather has been simply abominable lately, freezing cold and mostly wet. In the country districts a great deal of snow has fallen, and although there was none actually in town, the

wind blowing off the snow-covered hills was almost as bad. After that came the earthquake, which was a most unwelcome visitor, and now it looks as if "Ward" were on the warpath. Surely after that spring must come.

ELSA.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, August 12.

How the time is flying! Why, it only seemed the other day the first of the series of assemblies was held.

The

THIRD ASSEMBLY

took place last Wednesday evening in the Theatre Royal. The weather being cold, dancing was much appreciated. The exquisite music was rendered by McKinnon Bain's orchestra. The supper was arranged behind the stage, the table being decorated with spring bulbs and bowls of fragrant violets. Among those present were: Mrs. Henry Weston, wearing a handsome black and white costume, relieved with scarlet; Miss A. Hoskin, cream sun-rayed voile with Paris net arranged on decolletage; Miss Hawken, pink silk trimmed with chiffon, spray of violets on corsage; Mrs. Wylie, pretty black lace (trimmed with passementerie; Miss Capel, black net, frills edged with satin ribbon, bodice relieved with pink roses; Miss M. Capel, white foamy net, finished with a scarlet chou and sash; Mrs. Griffiths, white brocade, tiny frills of chiffon on skirt; her friend wore a pretty cream frilled and inserted silk; Miss McDiarmid, pretty combination of white and scarlet silk; Mrs. W. Wilson looked well in cream brocade, finished with a large crushed rose-coloured chou; Miss J. Fraser, white silk, pale blue silk sash; Mrs. Oswin looked extremely well in rich crimson velvet finished with chiffon; Misses Kirton (2), white silk; Miss Govett, dainty soft white inserted chiffon gauged over satin; Mrs. Martin, cream silk and lace; Miss Thomson, white satin, trimmed with scarlet flowers; Miss B. Thomson, soft white silk; Miss J. McKellar, pink satin, veiled in white gauze; Miss P. Tuke, pale pink trimmed with bands of black velvet, corsage trimmed with roses of a darker shade; Miss M. Fookes, white silk and lace; Miss G. Fookes, very pretty pale blue silk, daintily trimmed with deep frills of chiffon, finished with black velvet; Miss B. Keans, cream muslin, with pink roses on corsage, large black velvet bow in hair; Miss Rawson, cream silk, with pale blue sash; Miss — Rawson, canary coloured silk, with cream chiffon ruckings; Mrs. W. Bayly, black satin trimmed with cream lace and pink roses; Mrs. Banner, cream figured silk; Miss Hanna, black silk, corsage trimmed with pale blue, blue ribbon threaded through hair; Miss Mackay, cream satin, trimmed with deep frills of net, scarlet roses on decolletage; Miss Roy, pale blue gauged silk; Miss L. Webster, white silk relieved with pale blue, forget-me-nots in hair; Miss Rennell, very pretty blue silk, frills edged with white; Miss E. Fookes looked extremely well in cream satin, veiled in lushed net, finished with satin bows; Miss Carlberg, pale green silk, trimmed with a darker shade of velvet, pale pink roses on corsage; Miss George, cream silk, with pink silk Empire belt; Miss Skinner, white net trimmed with satin ribbon and pink roses; Miss L. Skinner, white satin veiled in net, emerald green Empire belt; Miss Perry (Gisborne), pale pink satin trimmed with silver passementerie; Mrs. C. T. Mills, pink satin veiled in black lace; Miss Liddell (Nelson), pretty rose pink silk veiled in net, edged with rucked chiffon; Mrs. Johns, pale green silk; Mrs. Pope, black silk trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs. Home, black brocade; Miss E. Hanuerton, soft shell pink silk trimmed with frills edged with rucked chiffon; Miss M. Mathews, very pretty cream silk veiled in gauze, with deep frill, edged and embellished with emerald green chenille, decolletage finished with same; Miss Foote, electric blue sun-rayed crepe de chine trimmed with a lighter shade; Miss Blackwood, black velvet, corsage profusely trimmed with net, banded with scarlet; Miss Smith, cream satin veiled in pink embroidered chiffon; her friend wore cream silk and lace; Mrs. Porritt, black silk relieved with white chiffon; Miss W. Thomson, cream satin with silver passementerie trimming; Miss McAllan, black net; Miss Draper (Auckland), black velvet, bodice profusely trimmed with

white chiffon; Miss Hair (Manaiak), black net with scarlet flowers on corsage; Miss L. Brown (debutante), dainty white muslin over silk, large white bow in hair; Miss Wright, rose pink silk trimmed with silver passementerie; Mrs. Morrison, black silk with net frills; Miss E. Bayley, pretty white silk. Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. Taylor, Townsend, Waddy, Williams, S. Webster, Robertson, Lowe, Bewley, Bruce, McKellar, Johns, Mills, Oswin, F. Wilson, P. Webster, W. Wilson, Griffiths, Laidlaw, Grey, Cartwright, Day, Fraser, Tuke, Rennell, George (2), Tansey, Tolhurst, Manning, Cutfield, Allen, Bayley, Standish.

NANCY LEE.

HAWERA.

Dear Bee, August 16.

THE KING EDWARD PARK CARNIVAL

which was held for four days last week, was very successful in the way of entertainments, but I am afraid from a financial point of view it will not be as good as the promoters would have liked. This was owing to the boisterous weather which prevailed almost the whole time. It doesn't seem to make any difference when a function of this description is held, as it invariably rains. On Wednesday, the first day of the Carnival, the principal ceremony was the opening of the gates into King Edward Park. These are of a very massive character, being of wrought iron, on a concrete foundation. In the evening an entertainment was held in the Opera House, comprising vocal items and dancing, the latter being under the management of Miss Putnam, of Wellington, who was specially engaged to teach the girls that

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